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## Hogan Provides for Spiritual Care of Inmates

The Coconino County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to community safety and quality of life. This includes the safety and quality of life of individuals in the community within the walls of our detention facility. To fulfill this dedication, we have a number of programs to address the health and well-being of the inmates. One of these commitments is to provide for special spiritual needs for people of all faith groups.

In 2008, we will see the realization of a Hogan for use by our inmates. In Native American culture, there are several types of Hogans. One type of Hogan is the primary traditional home of the Dine people. Another type of Hogan is for ceremonial purposes. The Hogan being built will provide inmates with a place to hold spiritual ceremonies and other special programs. It is a place for Native Americans to reconnect with their roots, their community, and their families. While it is a traditional structure of the Dine people, non Native Americans also will have the opportunity to use the structure for special programs.

The Hogan project is funded by Jail Enhancement Funds and Inmate Welfare Funds and does not come out of the Jail District taxes levied on county residents and visitors. Jail Enhancement Funds are generated by a surcharge on court fines and are allocated by law by the State of Arizona through the Arizona Department of Corrections Intergovernmental Jail Enhancement Liaison for distribution to

Arizona's Sheriffs for the purpose of enhancing county jail facilities and operations. The Inmate Welfare funds are generated from commission monies earned through the inmate phone and commissary service contracts and are used for the benefit, education, and welfare of the inmate population. These funds were the chosen funding source as the Hogan program serves to benefit our inmate population. The Hogan is pre-manufactured from small diameter lumber by a Native American owned company in Cameron, AZ.



The Hogan not only provides for spiritual needs, but the log cabin style also demonstrates our commitment to sustainable community options.

Approximately 50% of the population of the Coconino County Jail is Native American. It is the duty of the Sheriff's Office to provide for the safe and humane housing of all of our inmates. We take pride in the respect with which our employees treat those incarcerated in our facility and in the programs we offer to provide moral and ethical rights to the people within our jail community.

## Promoting Employee Development



*Detention Sergeant Kelly Barr and Sheriff Pribil*



*Sheriff Pribil congratulates Detention Sergeant Michael Runyan and his family on Michael's recent promotion. Michael works at the Detention Facility in Page, Arizona.*



Congratulations to Kelly Barr and Michael Runyan who were selected as Detention Sergeants during the most recent testing process. Their promotions were effective as of March 3, 2008. As Detention Sergeants, they are responsible for supervising Detention Officers and Detention Support Specialists and overseeing the safety and security of inmates and employees throughout the facility. They manage daily briefings and prepare shift schedules for employees in the jail. They also work with the Lieutenants to respond to inmate and citizen inquiries and complaints. They are responsible for the preparation, review, and dissemination of departmental reports. We applaud these individuals for seeking this career advancement and the additional administrative and leadership responsibilities of a Sergeant with the Coconino County Sheriff's Office.

## Jail Expansion Focus Group Plans for the Future

In December 2007, the Sheriff's Office formed a focus group to research and plan for future expansion needs of the Detention Facility. The group is made up of staff from throughout the organization, both line level and supervisory, and includes representatives from finance, information technology, facilities, and other support services. In order to develop a comprehensive plan for addressing future facility and resource needs for both the Flagstaff and Page Detention Facilities, the group has been studying trends in the jail population, current capacity of the facilities, and predicted facility and resource needs. They have been looking at data regarding both male and female inmate population trends.

They also are looking at classification trends (minimum, medium and maximum security) in order to identify what type of housing expansion may be needed in the future. They have studied blue prints of both the Flagstaff and Page facilities to identify possible areas for expansion of inmate housing, support service functions, and staff office space. The group also is considering whether the Page and Flagstaff Facilities would need to be expanded at the same time, the type of housing units that would best meet the needs of the population, and alternatives to incarceration such as house arrest or electronic monitoring for certain misdemeanor offenses.

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### Service to Community

***We are committed to providing responsive and effective Service to the Community. We earn and maintain the public's trust and confidence through our integrity and professionalism. Toward these goals, we devote our personnel, resources and energy.***

## Taking the Plunge for Special Olympics

Special Olympics of Arizona serves over 9,100 athletes through a network of volunteers. Thanks to the great support of Arizona Law Enforcement, Arizona athletes can compete state-wide and nationally in Summer and Winter Games.

On March 1, 2008 Sheriff Bill Pribil took the plunge in support of Special Olympics Arizona. The Polar Plunge is an annual event hosted by Northern Arizona Special Olympics as a means of raising funds and awareness for their cause. This year's Polar Plunge, Freezing for a Reason was held at the Flagstaff Athletic Club's east side outdoor pool. Participants raised donations and pledges for braving the frigid water.



On the day of the event, participants collectively plunged into the freezing cold water as a united group supporting this important cause.

This year's event was the first Polar Plunge for the Sheriff of Coconino County and he hopes it won't be his last. Although his speed of exiting the water could have put him in the Guinness Book of World Records, he never lost his humor and stated that you can expect to see him in a duck or Big Bird costume at next year's event. It's all for a great cause!

### Mark Your Calendars for Tip a Cop

Mark your calendars for the Tip a Cop fundraiser held in partnership with Outback Steakhouse. On June 28, 2008 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm law enforcement officers will be serving tables at Outback Steakhouse to raise money for Special Olympics.

## Officers Train in Swift Water Rescue

On March 27-28, members of the Coconino County Sheriff's Office Dive Team took part in swift water training sponsored by National Park Service Grand Canyon at Lee's Ferry. The rapids course was very demanding and providing an excellent training ground for rescues on the Colorado River as well as rivers and washes that experience similar swift water conditions during flooding events.



*Congratulations to Deputies Derik Losinger, Davin Nichols and Corey Black for completing the Swift Water Rescue Training*